

I am strongly opposed to the consolidation of media companies that will result from the passing of this ruling. My local newspaper reported that there has not been much media coverage of this because the large media conglomerates do not want the public to know about it. What happens when the newspaper is owned by the conglomerate? Free and INDEPENDENT media is the cornerstone of democracy. People must be able to make informed decisions based on the facts, not what the advertisers and special interest groups want them to know.

By reducing competition, access and availability of information you are undermining the democratic process that has served this country for hundreds of years.

I urge you to keep the existing ownership rules in force.